

New Golf Links at Bowral.

OPENED AT "CRAIGIEBURN."

Despite dull and threatening weather a large number of guests accepted the invitations issued by Mrs. Horton and Mr. Allen to be present at the official opening of the new golf links that have been constructed on the large and spacious grounds of "Craigieburn," Bowral, and a most enjoyable and profitable time was spent by all concerned on Wednesday afternoon last. These beautifully situated, well kept, and artistic grounds presented a picturesque appearance, the recent rains having added the touch of spring to such an extent that the eye was greeted on all sides with a lovely hue of green, while the ornamental trees and shrubs, having received their winter pruning, further enhanced the scene.

The Mayor of the town (Ald. H. J. Pickard) was present to open the links, and at an appointed hour there was a muster at the commencing tee, where this all important ceremony was performed.

In the course of a few remarks, the Mayor said it was his pleasing privilege to be present to open the links, and thanked Mrs. Horton and Mr. Allen for the honor they had conferred upon him in asking him to do so. He wished to congratulate Mrs. Horton and Mr. Allen on the progress they had made in laying down such fine links, thereby assisting not only the popularity of "Craigieburn," but also the advancement of the town. There was no doubt that visitors from the city looked for conveniences when they went into the country, and also a suitable spot to enjoy themselves; and he had no hesitation in saying that "Craigieburn," after such elaborate alterations and additions, would now give the city folk all that they desired. The visitors came with perhaps one idea—to have a good old rest. They could get this at "Craigieburn," with the required amount of recreation, and, with pure air and congenial climate, would be well fitted to return to their duties in Sydney. He hoped the efforts put forward by Mrs. Horton and Mr. Allen would be fraught with success, and that the visitors would spend many happy hours. He officially declared the links open, and said he would take the opportunity of driving the first ball. (Voices: Perhaps!)

A golden half-sovereign having been placed on the ball, the Mayor proceeded with his drive, but was doomed to disappointment, as his first effort was an absolute miss; but the second time was suc-

cessful, as his first effort was an absolute miss; but the second time was successful, the ball and the half sovereign skimming away into space. It was expected that the coin would remain behind, but, like the cat, "it never came back."

The links were then fully occupied until dark, the universal opinion being that they would prove a popular innovation, while the visitors were loud in their praises of the efforts made for their convenience and pleasure.

The Association Brass Band, under Bandmaster Vincent, had been engaged for the occasion, and a fine programme of first-class music was submitted, which was much appreciated.

At the close the visitors sang "For they are Jolly Good Fellows," and gave cheers for Mrs. Horton and Mr. Allen.

The provision of golf links is not the only improvement made at "Craigieburn," as the whole residential space has been transformed, and, with new and up-to-date furnishings, the premises now represent one of the most commodious and modern accommodation houses the town can boast of, and compares most favorably with the best in Sydney. An electric lighting plant has been installed, by which the whole of the apartments are brilliantly illuminated, as well as a spacious billiard room (Jacobean style, panelled in oak), which has just been completed, and is an additional attraction. Another feature well worth recording is that the electric light has also been connected to large reading lamps, which are conspicuous in various parts of the building. A new chip tennis court is also in evidence in an admirably situated and sheltered part of the grounds, while a large croquet lawn is also nearing completion. With such a host of attractions it is hard to say to what bounds of popularity "Craigieburn" will extend, but we feel safe in saying that Mrs. Horton and Mr. Allen will have a hard task before them to accommodate all who wish to enjoy the atmosphere of their fine building, where cleanliness, civility, comfort, and enjoyment are assured.